



# Saddleback COMMUNICATIONS

A Division of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 09-197  
Additional Information to the Previously Filed Annual Certification of Saddleback  
Communications  
Study Area No. 457991 (rural status)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As requested by staff, transmitted herewith is the Additional Information to the Previously Filed Annual Use Certification for Saddleback Communications. We request that this information be treated as confidential.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Bryant  
President/General Manager

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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 09-197
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**Additional Information to the Previously Filed Annual Certification of  
 Saddleback Communications**

Saddleback Communications (Saddleback) is an unincorporated business enterprise that was established pursuant to a 1997 ordinance passed by the Council of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (Community), a Federally recognized Indian tribe. Saddleback provides telecommunications services within the boundaries of SRPMIC. Saddleback was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 98-223 by order dated November 4, 1998. As requested by FCC staff, Saddleback submits the additional information to the previously filed annual certification.

**1. Maps of the Service Area.**

Saddleback was formed in response to a serious telecom infrastructure deficit within the Community. It is estimated that up to one quarter of the Community Members were unable to receive basic telephone service prior to the establishment of Saddleback. Additionally, the legacy U.S. West (Qwest) copper infrastructure was unable to consistently deliver quality voice connections and completely unable to support high speed internet and data connections. In December 2001, the Company purchased the aging telecommunication assets of Qwest Communications that were located within the boundaries of the Community and began the process of upgrading and replacing many of those assets. Voice, data and Internet services are now delivered to residents, businesses and government customers primarily through diverse fiber optic paths.

The Community is a sparsely populated area covering approximately 82 square miles, with about 36% held as a natural preserve, and about 23% under cultivation in a variety of crops. Attached are the following maps:

- **Exhibit 1** is a topographical map of the reservation showing the vast undeveloped areas.
- **Exhibit 2** is the current general plan which shows the areas where future develop can occur. The Community envisions a balancing of the forces of economic development with the foundations of long established Community values. The

General Plan is the Community's blueprint for land use and development as well as conservation and preservation.

- **Exhibit 3** shows the telecommunication network that Saddleback has invested in to service the Community.
- **Exhibit 4** shows the Fiber Optic Rings the Saddleback has created to provide for a redundant network.

In part through federal high-cost support, Saddleback has invested in a superior digital network, placing over 100 miles of fiber routes throughout its service area in order to vastly improve the quality of the communications infrastructure. As part of its continuing efforts to provide the most redundant and reliable telecommunications services available, Saddleback is nearing completion of the installation of a distributed second Soft Switch located approximately 8 miles from Saddleback's Central Office. The new Class 5 Soft Switch, in conjunction with the Class 5 Soft Switch at the existing Central Office, provides redundancy for voice services with either switch able to handle 100% of the traffic should a disaster cause one switch to fail. Installation of the new switch and the multiple fiber rings is a continuation of Saddleback's efforts to eliminate all single points of failure in the service area in support of Saddleback's objective to provide the highest level of network redundancy and reliability available. Saddleback is now able to provide telephone and DSL service to anyone within the Community who desires service.

## **2. Previously Reported Projects and Improvements that have not been completed.**

Of the proposed major projects listed in the prior year's certification, only the Bury McKellips Aerial Fiber Project was not completed by the estimated date. Saddleback was not able to obtain the necessary right-of-ways to start the project. Saddleback estimates that it will take an additional eighteen to twenty four months to obtain the right-of-ways and complete the project.

**Confidentiality:** We request that all information contained herein be treated as confidential.

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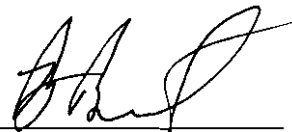
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bill Bryant, of Saddleback Communications, who, on his oath deposed and said:

My name is Bill Bryant, I am employed by Saddleback Communications in the position of President/General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service program and am responsible for Saddleback's compliance with the requirements of that program.

I have reviewed the information contained in the document captioned "CC Docket No. 09-197 Additional Information to the Previously Filed Annual Certification of Saddleback Communications" to which this Affidavit is attached. All information in that document was prepared by me or by persons under my immediate supervision. All information contained therein is true and correct based upon knowledge and belief.



Bill Bryant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 18th day of December.

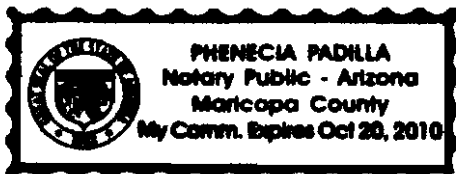
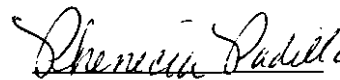

  
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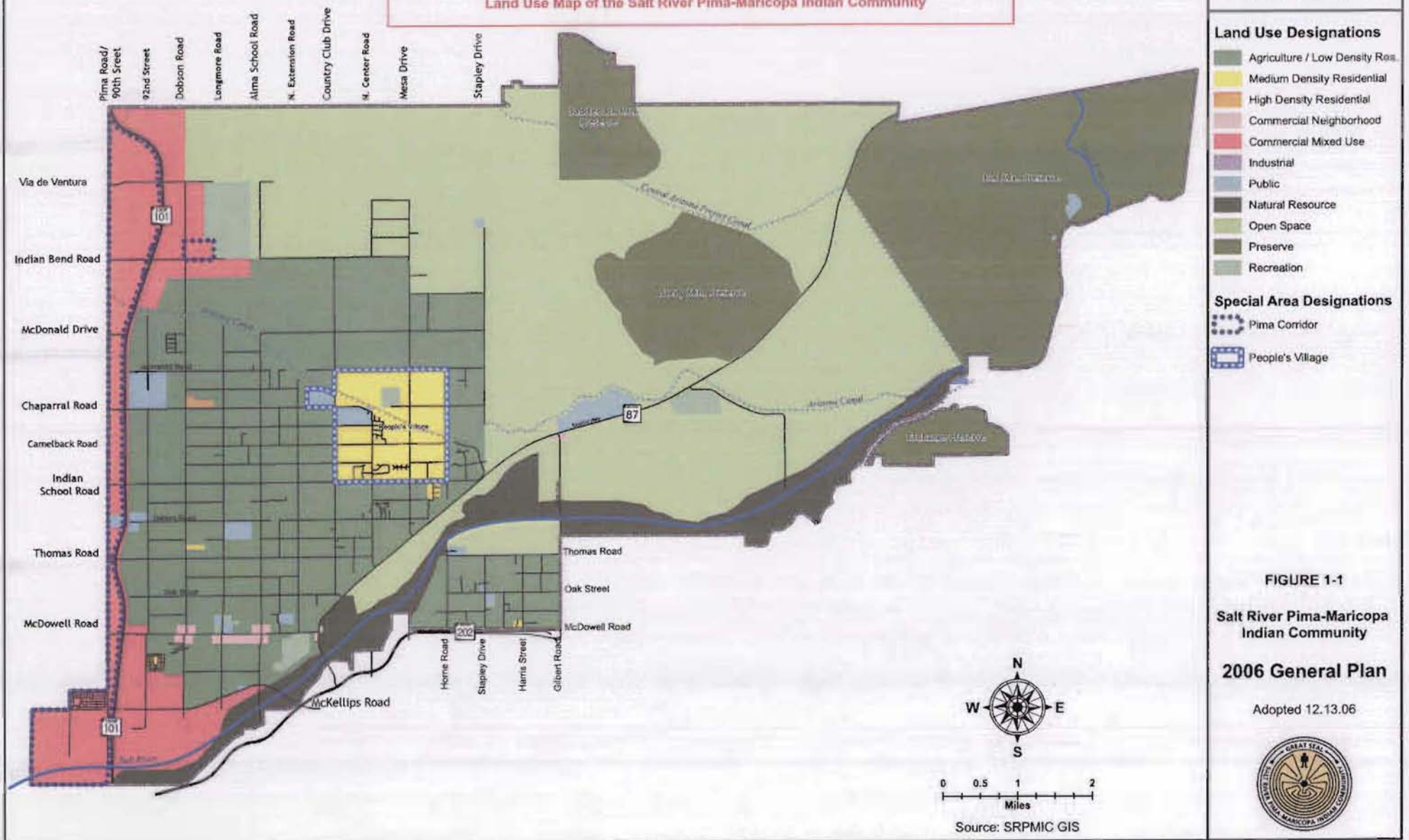


Exhibit 1 -Topographical Map of Saddleback Communications' Service Area, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community





## LAND USE MAP

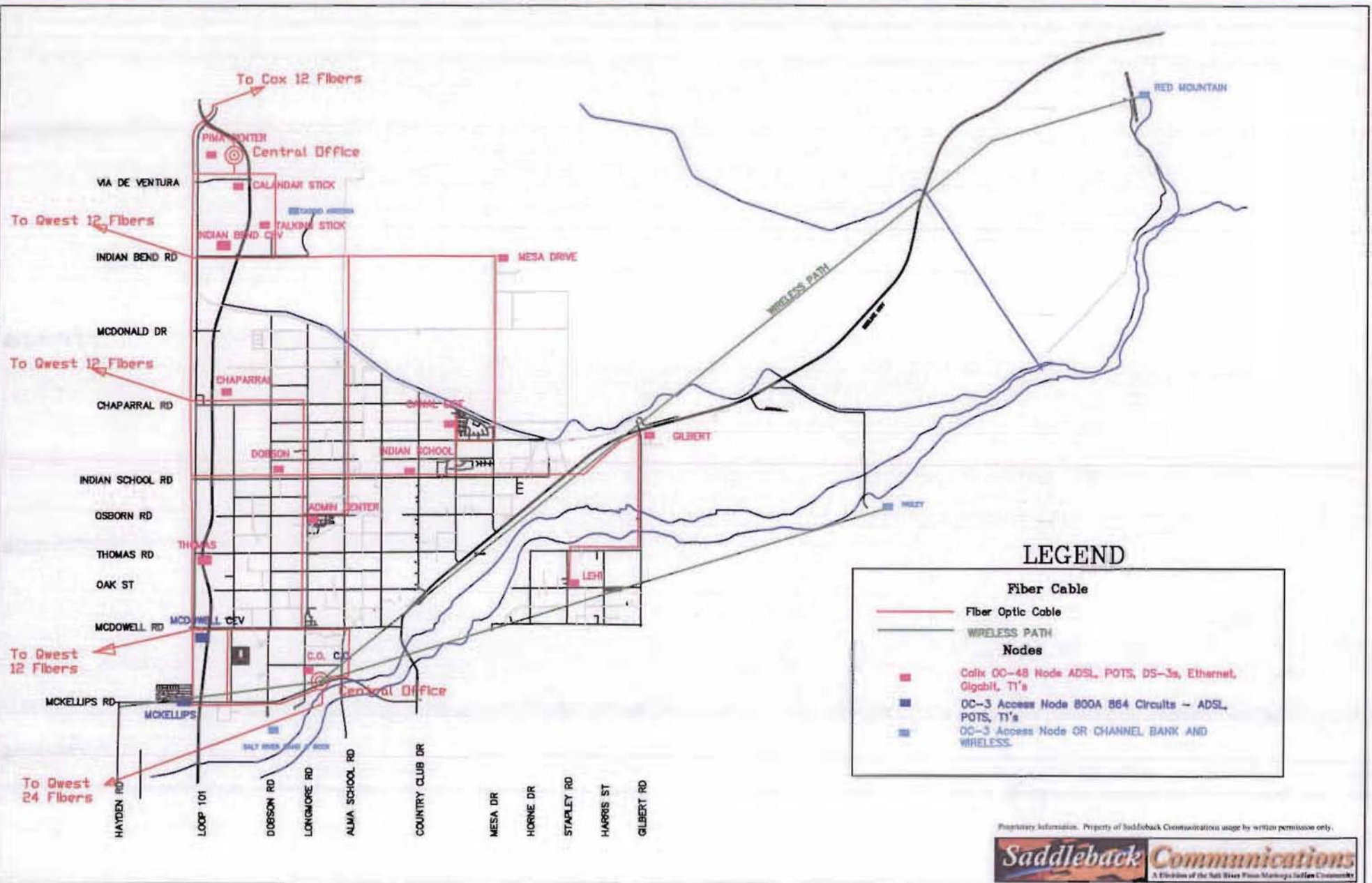


**FIGURE 1-1**  
**Salt River Pima-Maricopa**  
**Indian Community**  
**2006 General Plan**

Adopted 12.13.06

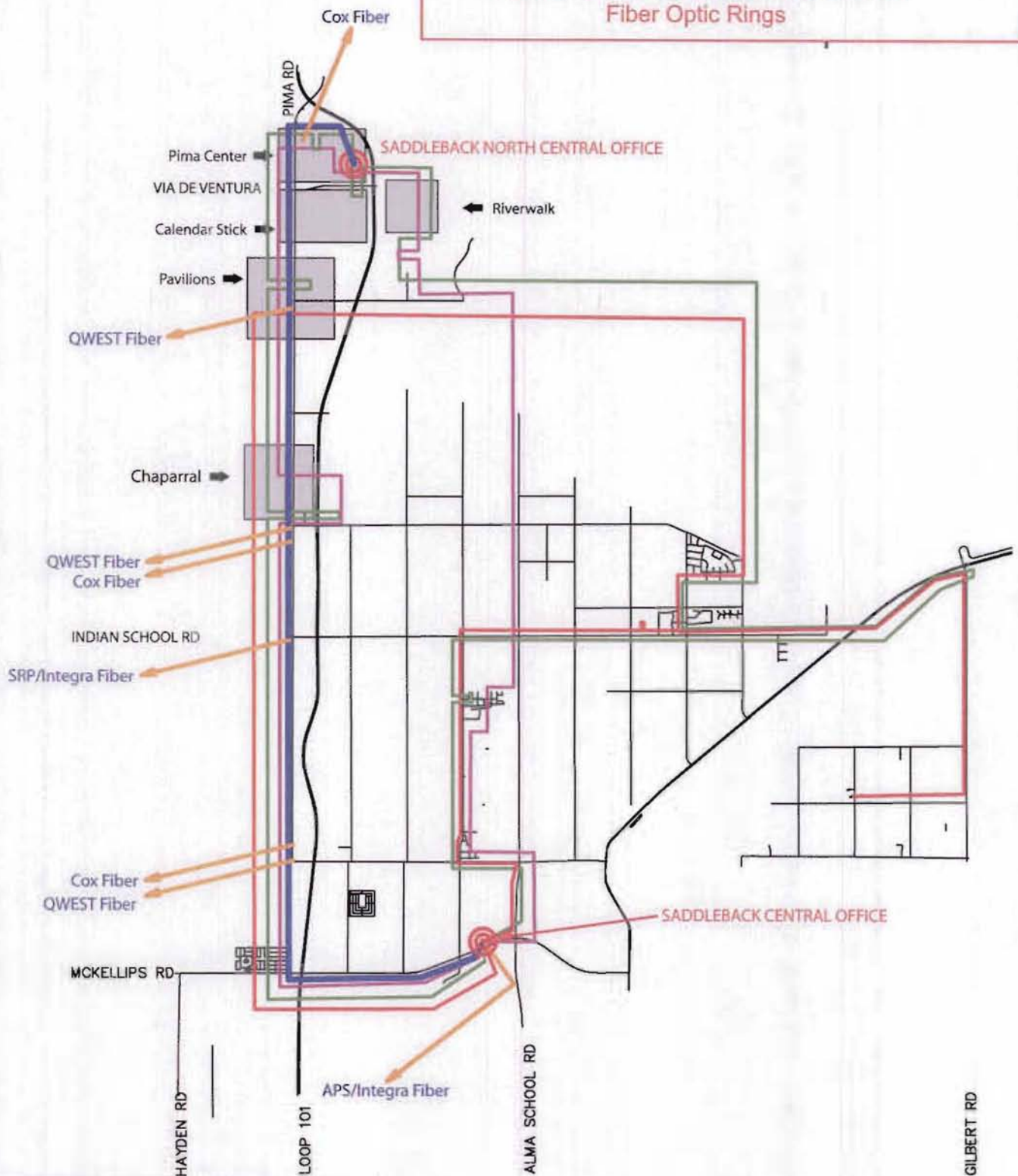


# Exhibit 3 - Telecommunications Network





# Exhibit 4 -Saddleback Communications Fiber Optic Rings



## Saddleback Fiber Legend

- 288 SINGLE MODE FIBER
- FIBER "A" RING
- FIBER "B" RING
- FIBER "C" RING



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